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THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Borough of Hertford

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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTS

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1961

B O R O U G H O F H E R T F O R D

P R E F A C E

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Hertford.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour and pleasure of presenting the Annual Report upon the health of the Borough of Hertford for the Calendar Year 1961.

Once more the health of the Borough has been excellent and nothing occurred during 1961 to cause any concern. A feature of considerable interest has been the big population increase over the figure for 1960. This increase has brought the number of inhabitants in the Borough to more than 16,000 for the first time in it's history.

The number of live births rose from 222 in 1960 to 241 in 1961 while the number of still births also increased, the comparable figures being 3 and 7. The number of infant deaths fell from 9 to 4 and once again there were no deaths attributable to pregnancy or childbirth. The deaths at all ages showed an increase of 15 over those of the previous year.

For the third year in succession advertisements in the appropriate journals have provided no Assistant for Mr. Peck the Public Health Inspector. Last year I commented upon the burden of work which this imposes upon him and it is obvious that with the growth of the Borough this burden is not being lessened. It is strange that other districts have little or no trouble in obtaining the Inspectors they require.

The heavy demand for houses in this area has resulted in a big building output during the year with a total of 217 new houses. All indications are that this will not only hold it's own, but increase in 1962.

Once more it gives me pleasure to record the support and consideration I have received both from the Public Health Committee and from the Council during the past year. To work in such a friendly atmosphere is a spur to fresh endeavour.

It would have been impossible for me to carry out my duties with any degree of success without the help of Mr. Peck and Mrs Kirby who will have completed her last year of service with the Council at the end of 1961. My sincere thanks are due to them both.

Lastly I should like to thank the other Chief Officers and their staffs for such assistance as I have received from them during the year.

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

GORDON M. FRIZELLE,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Public Health and Town Planning Committee for the
Session 1961/1962 comprised the following Members :-

Alderman C. Vance Packman (Chairman)
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His Worship The Mayor (Councillor J.J.Forrester)
Alderman H.E.Gilby, Councillors E.A.Bennett, R.J.Carter,
G.W.Dale, H.P.Mills and F.C.Sparks.

S E C T I O N A .

GENERAL STATISTICS 1961

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1960 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population Borough of Hertford.

16,050 (15,340)

Natural increase or decrease	...	+	93
Migration in or out	...	+	617
Total increase or decrease	...	+	710

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres 3,882

Number of inhabited Dwellings according to Rate Books
 (from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis -
 as at 1st April 1961)

4,959

Number of Houses per acre	1.3
Number of Persons per acre	4.1
Number of Persons per dwelling	3.2

Rateable Value of District (31.3.61) £259,017

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate
 for year to 31st March, 1961 £1,060

VITAL STATISTICS

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1960 are shown in brackets)

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	120 (112)	113 (101)	233 (213)
Illegitimate	4 (5)	4 (4)	8 (9)
Total Live Births	124 (117)	117 (105)	241 (222)
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		15.02	(14.47)
Area Comparability Factor for Births		0.96	(0.99)
Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		14.41	(14.33)
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births		3.31	(4.05)
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3 (2)	4 (1)	7 (3)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Total Still Births	3 (2)	4 (1)	7 (3)
Still Births Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		28.23	(13.33)
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	123 (114)	117 (102)	240 (216)
Illegitimate	4 (5)	4 (4)	8 (9)
Total Live and Still Births	127 (119)	121 (106)	248 (225)
<u>COMPARISON RATES</u>	<u>Hertford Borough</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Live Birth Rate	15.02	17.96	
Area Comparability Factor	0.96	0.91	
Standardised Birth Rate	14.41	16.34	17.4
Still Births Rate	28.23	17.71	18.7

Vital Statistics
Table 2 Continued

<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Infants under one week, total	1 (4)	1 (0)	2 (4)
Legitimate	1 (4)	1 (0)	2 (4)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
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Infants under four weeks, total	1 (4)	1 (0)	2 (4)
Legitimate	1 (4)	1 (0)	2 (4)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
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Infants under one year, total	1 (5)	3 (4)	4 (9)
Legitimate	1 (5)	3 (4)	4 (9)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
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INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births.	Total	16.60	(40.54)
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births		17.17	(42.25)
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births		0	(0)
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under four weeks per 1,000 total live births		8.30	(18.02)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under one week per 1,000 total live births		8.30	(18.02)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths of infants under one week combined - per 1,000 total live and still births		36.29	(31.11)

Vital Statistics
Table 2 continued

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Deaths, including abortion	0	(0)
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still-births	0	(0)

DEATHS (total)

Deaths of all ages	Males	71	(67)
	Females	77	(66)
	Total	148	(133)
Death Rate per 1,000 population		9.22	(8.67)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths		1.08	(1.04)
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population		9.96	(9.02)

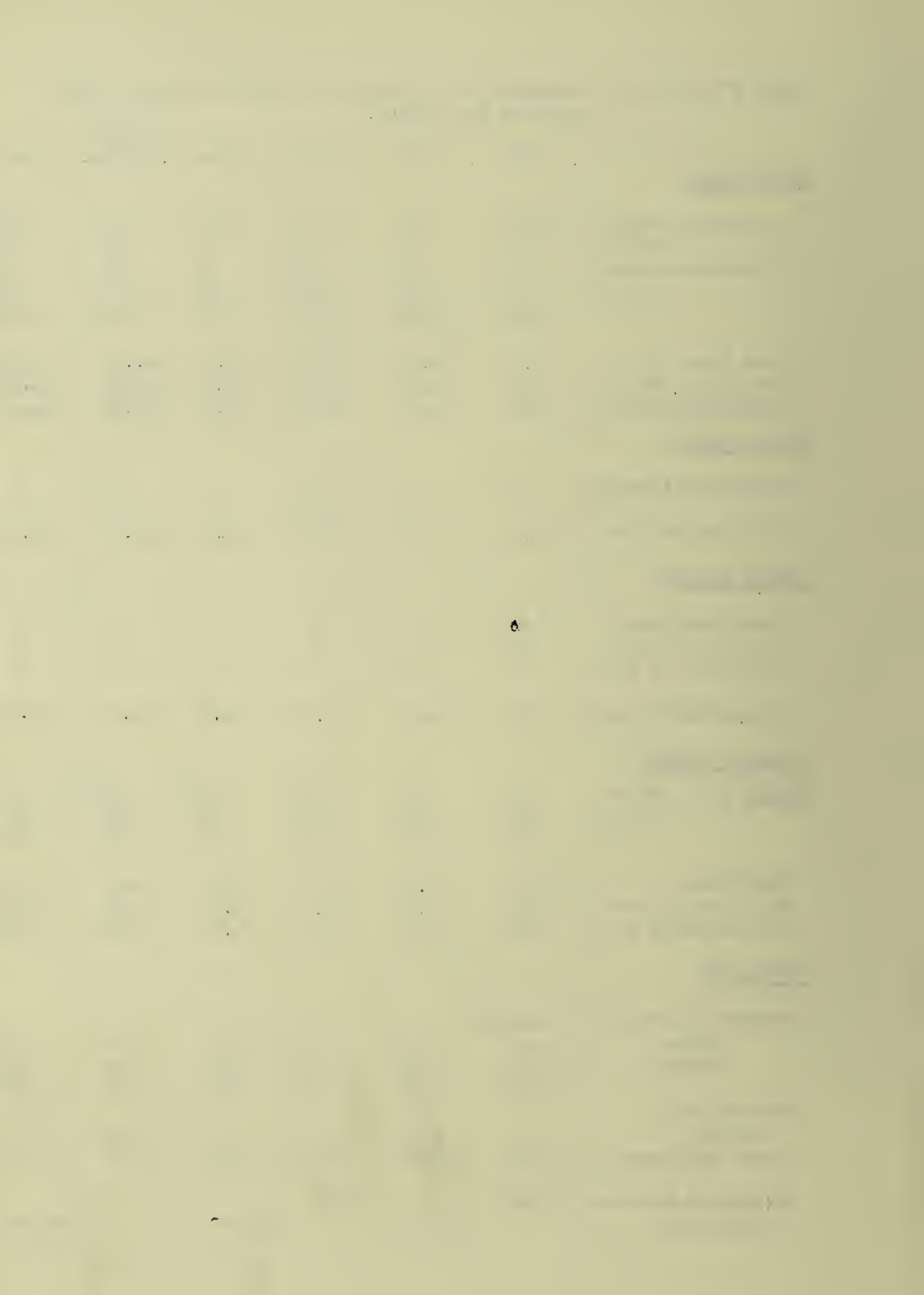
COMPARISON RATES

	<u>Hertford Borough</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	16.60	17.23	21.4
Legitimate	17.17	16.86	
Illegitimate	0	25.88	
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	8.30	13.57	15.5
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate	8.30	12.17	
Perinatal Mortality Rate	36.29	29.67	
Maternal Mortality Rate	0	0.59	0.33
Death Rate	9.22	9.46	
Area Comparability Factor	1.08	1.13	
Standardised Death Rate	9.96	10.68	12.0

Vital Statistics - Comparison of figures for 1961 with those of the previous four years.

Average

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1957/60.	1961
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>						
Legitimate Male	111	121	101	112	111	120
Female	111	89	108	101	102	113
Illegitimate Male	5	5	3	5	5	4
Female	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
	235	219	215	222	223	241
Live Birth Rate	15.71	14.51	14.14	14.47	14.71	15.02
Area Comp. Factor	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.96
Standardised Rate	15.55	14.36	13.99	14.33	14.56	14.41
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>						
Total Still Births	6	2	2	3	3	7
Still Births Rate	24.90	9.05	9.22	13.33	14.13	28.23
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>						
Under one week	0	1	2	4	2	2
2nd to 4th week	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 weeks to 1 year	2	2	1	5	3	2
Inf. Mortality Rate	8.51	13.70	13.95	40.54	19.18	16.60
<u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u>						
	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>DEATHS (all)</u>						
Males	72	59	65	67	66	71
Females	<u>66</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>77</u>
	138	132	154	133	140	148
Death Rate	9.22	8.75	10.12	8.67	9.19	9.22
Area Comp. Factor	1.04	1.03	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.08
Standardised Rate	9.59	9.01	10.53	9.02	9.54	9.96
<u>POPULATION</u>						
Natural increase or decrease						
Males	+ 44	+ 67	+ 39	+ 50	+ 50	+ 53
Females	+ <u>53</u>	+ <u>20</u>	+ <u>22</u>	+ <u>39</u>	+ <u>34</u>	+ <u>40</u>
	+ 97	+ 87	+ 61	+ 89	+ 84	+ 93
Migration in or out	+ 33	+ 43	+ 59	+ 41	+ 44	+ 617
Total difference	+ 130	+ 130	+ 120	+ 130	+ 128	+ 710
Estimated Mid-Year Population	14,960	15,090	15,210	15,340		16,050



PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(Table 3)

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Notified during the Year :-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>all</u> <u>Ages</u>	<u>Age Group in Years</u>					<u>Over</u> <u>65</u>	<u>Age</u> <u>Unknown</u>
		<u>1</u>	<u>1-</u>	<u>5-</u>	<u>15-</u>	<u>25-</u>		
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Non-Paralytic)	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	66	1	27	38	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	4	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	4	-	-	3	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-

Incidence of Disease during the different Months

Scarlet Fever	January (1)	February (1)	May (1)
Measles	January (2)	March (3)	April (1)
	May (7)	June (7)	July (28)
	August (14)	September (2)	November (2)
Acute Pneumonia	April (3)	July (1)	
Meningococcal Infection	February (2)		
Infective Jaundice	February (1)	October (2)	November (1)
Erysipelas	March (1)	July (1)	

Prevalence of, and control over Infectious Diseases (con)

T U B E R C U L O S I S

	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
<u>Cases on Register at beginning of year</u>	<u>95</u>	
(Cases per 1,000 population = 5.92)		
Males	48	3
Females	37	7
<u>Cases added to the Register during 1961</u>	<u>10</u>	
<u>New Cases</u>	Males 4	-
	Females 1	-
<u>Restored to Register</u>	Males -	-
	Females -	-
<u>Inward Transfers</u>	Males 3	-
	Females 2	-
<u>Cases removed from Register during 1961</u>	<u>10</u>	
<u>Deaths (3 from other causes)</u>	Males 3	-
	Females 1	-
<u>Outward Transfers</u>	Males -	-
	Females -	-
<u>Patients Cured</u>	Males 2	1
	Females 2	1
<u>Lost sight of</u>	Males -	-
	Females -	-
<u>Cases remaining on Register at end of year</u>	<u>95</u>	
(Cases per 1,000 population = 5.92)		
Males	50	2
Females	37	6
<u>Attack Rate per 1,000</u>	<u>Hertford</u>	<u>Hertford</u>
	<u>Borough</u>	<u>County</u>
(No. of cases notified - 5)		
Pulmonary (5)	0.31	0.37
Non-Pulmonary (0)	0	0.05
Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary	0.31	0.42

Tuberculosis Prevention - B.C.G. Inoculations are given
by the Health Services of the Herts County Council.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1961

(Table 4)

Line No.		M	F
	ALL CAUSES	71	77
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	0
2	Tuberculosis, other	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease	0	0
4	Diphtheria	0	0
5	Whooping Cough... ..	0	0
6	Meningococcal	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
8	Measles	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	0	3
11	" " lung, bronchus ...	2	1
12	" " breast	0	3
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	0
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	11	10
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1
16	Diabetes	0	0
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	10	16
18	Coronary disease, angina	12	13
19	Hypertension with heart disease ...	1	1
20	Other heart disease	12	8
21	Other circulatory disease	5	3
22	Influenza	1	0
23	Pneumonia	0	2
24	Bronchitis	5	4
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
26	Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum ...	1	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	0	1
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	0	0
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	0	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	0	0
31	Congenital malformation	1	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	7
33	Motor Vehicle accidents	1	0
34	All other accidents	0	0
35	Suicide	0	1
36	Homicide and operations of war ...	0	0

DEATHS classified according to Ages

AGES (inclusive)	M	% of total male deaths	F	% of total female deaths	Total	% of total deaths
Under 1 week	1	(1.41)	1	(1.30)	2	(1.35)
1 - 3 weeks	-		-		-	
4 - 51 weeks	-		2	(2.60)	2	(1.35)
						(2.70)
1 yr - 4 yrs	1	(1.41)	-		1	(0.68)
						(0.68)
5 - 9	-		-		-	
10 - 14	-		-		-	
15 - 19	1	(1.41)	-		1	(0.68)
						(0.68)
20 - 24	-		1	(1.30)	1	(0.68)
25 - 29	-		-		-	
						(0.68)
30 - 34	1	(1.41)	2	(2.60)	3	(2.03)
35 - 39	1	(1.41)	1	(1.30)	2	(1.35)
						(3.38)
40 - 44	1	(1.41)	2	(2.60)	3	(2.03)
45 - 49	1	(1.41)	-		1	(0.68)
						(2.70)
50 - 54	2	(2.82)	2	(2.60)	4	(2.70)
55 - 59	6	(8.45)	5	(6.49)	11	(7.43)
						(10.13)
60 - 64	8	(11.27)	7	(9.09)	15	(10.13)
65 - 69	6	(8.45)	9	(11.68)	15	(10.13)
						(20.27)
Aged 70/71	5	(7.04)	4	(5.19)	9	(6.08)
72/73	2	(2.82)	3	(3.90)	5	(3.38)
74/75	6	(8.45)	6	(7.79)	12	(8.11)
76/77	4	(5.63)	3	(3.90)	7	(4.73)
78/79	6	(8.45)	5	(6.49)	11	(7.43)
						(29.73)
Aged 80/81	6	(8.45)	9	(11.68)	15	(10.13)
82/83	3	(4.22)	2	(2.60)	5	(3.38)
84/85	3	(4.22)	4	(5.19)	7	(4.73)
86/87	6	(8.45)	1	(1.30)	7	(4.73)
88/89	-		2	(2.60)	2	(1.35)
						(24.32)
Aged 90	-		3	(3.90)	3	(2.03)
91	-		2	(2.60)	2	(1.35)
92/93	-		-		-	
94	-		1	(1.30)	1	(0.68)
95/97	-		-		-	
98	1	(1.41)	-		1	(0.68)
						(4.73)
	71	(100%)	77	(100%)	148	100%

GENERAL STATISTICS

It is gratifying to report that the Registrar-General's mid-year estimate for 1961 showed a sharp upward trend in the population figures. Every year the Registrar-General issues to each Local Authority his mid-year estimate of that Authority's population for the previous year. This estimate is based upon Census figures, notifications of births and deaths and other data made available to the General Register Office.

A Census of the population has been taken every ten years since 1801, except for 1941 because of the war. The 1961 Census was taken on 23rd April and these figures show an increase over those of 1951, this intercensual increase being 1,850 or 13.3%

The relevant figures are as follows :-

1951	Census	13,884
1961	..	15,734
1960	Estimate	15,340
1961	..	16,050

Thus the 1961 estimate exceeds that of 1960 by 710, and even exceeds the 1961 Census by 216. The population increase of 710 is made up of a natural increase of 93 and an inward migration of 617.

The mid-year population of the Borough in 1961 has therefore exceeded 16,000 for the first time. If the last year's trend is maintained, a matter which is difficult to forecast, the Borough should within an easily measurable period of time reach a population of 20,000, provided always that the necessary land is available.

The number of inhabited dwellings in the Borough rose from 4882 to 4959. Number of houses per acre in our area of 3882 acres remained at 1.3, not a high housing density.

VITAL STATISTICS

The total number of live births rose from 222 to 241 whilst the number of still births totalled 7 as compared with 3 in 1960. When this is converted into the still birth rate it naturally gives a high figure in relation to the total number of live and still births.

VITAL STATISTICS - continued

The infant deaths were only 4 as compared with 9 in 1960 and conversely when these are translated into infant mortality rates the relevant figure shows a satisfactory reduction.

Once again there were no maternal deaths for the 21st. consecutive year.

The total number of deaths at all ages was 148 while the deaths in 1960 numbered 133.

CAUSES OF DEATH

Once again Diseases of the heart and circulation were responsible for the greatest number of deaths, 59 in all or 30.4%. The next highest cause of death was Malignant Disease which accounted for 32 or 21.6% of the total. The figures correspond with national figures where Malignant Disease now comes second to heart disease as a cause of death.

The third highest cause was Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System or Strokes which are accidents of blood vessels except that they happen in the brain. These caused 26 deaths in 17.5% of the total number of deaths.

The four deaths in children under one year of age were due to Prematurity, Congenital Defects, Kidney Infection, and Gastro-intestinal Infection.

There is presented at page 13 an exhaustive analysis of the deaths in the Borough at all ages. From this it will be seen that between the ages of 70 and 79 there were 44 deaths, and 35 between the ages of 80 and 89. It was in fact in these two age groups that the greatest number of all the deaths occurred. In the 90 - 99 group there were 7 deaths, one being at the age of 98. Thus out of the total number of 148 deaths, 86 or 58.1% occurred in persons over the age of 70.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Apart from the usual biennial of Measles which in fact amounted to only 66 notifications, this being small compared with other notifications in East Hertfordshire, there is little to comment upon in the realm of infectious disease, except for the now unusual appearance of two cases of meningitis.

TUBERCULOSIS

At the beginning of the year there were 95 cases of Tuberculosis on the Register, more than we would wish to see in a Borough the size of Hertford. Of these, 85 were suffering from pulmonary and 10 from non-pulmonary disease.

During the year 10 cases were added to the Register 5 inhabitants having developed the disease and 5 having come to live in the Borough. To offset this, 10 cases were removed from the Register, 6 having been cured and 4 having died, 3 of the 4 from other causes.

Thus at the end of the year there were still 95 cases on the Register, 2 more being pulmonary and 2 less non-pulmonary.

HERTFORD BOROUGH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE

The Committee continued its meetings during the year and submitted to the Borough Surveyor recommendations regarding the improvement of local road conditions.

Posters and leaflets in support of the National Water Safety Campaign were purchased and distributed during the summer months.

The Committee also put forward to the Borough Council the suggestion that accidents in the Swimming Pool might either be prevented or noticed more quickly if a responsible observer were situated in an elevated position near the water. This excellent suggestion was quickly adopted and put into force.

Support was given to the National Fire Prevention week in the Autumn and leaflets and posters were purchased.

The third Annual Car Rally was held on 29th October and attracted 46 entries, all of them local except two, one of whom came from New Maldon, Surrey and one from London. This year's entry was 22 less than that of 1960. Tests of driving, braking, vehicle maintenance and knowledge of the highway code, were held and 14 of the entrants failed. The winner was Mr. John Mousley of Cole Green, to whom and to the other prize winners, the Chairman of the Committee Councillor W.L.Foster presented their awards at the Castle on 20th November.

HERTFORD OLD PEOPLES WELFARE COMMITTEE

The Clubs represented on the Old Peoples Welfare Committee are The Evergreen Club, The Watton-at-Stone Club and The Sele Farm Friends and Neighbours Club. All these Clubs are growing and extending the scope of their activities. Forty-one members of The Evergreen Club spent a week's holiday at Clacton during the summer. The Watton-at-Stone Club has increased it's visiting service, whilst the Sele Farm Club is to build an extension to its present hut, and is considering the possibility of forming a library.

A Night Sitters-in Service has been started. This is a service which could be an inestimable boon to old people, but unfortunately only one sitter-in has come forward so far. I would appeal to everyone who reads this report to give serious thought to the possibility of enrolling as a night sitter-in. There are not many calls on the service and the help so rendered to old people far outweighs any temporary deprivation on the part of the sitter-in.

The Visiting Committee is not only visiting old people but is also inviting them home for birthdays and other special occasions. It is also encouraging to report that the Committee is receiving an increasing number of offers of hospitality for old people at Christmas.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

No action was necessary under Section 47 of these Acts.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

A regular check is always kept in Food and Catering Establishments. No action either formal or informal was required during the year.

HERTFORD MARKET

No progress was made during 1961 to implement the recommendations made in 1959. It is hoped however, that the Autumn of 1962 will see the beginning of structural alterations.

HOUSING

There has been a big upsurge of building in Hertford during 1961. The electrification of the railway line to Liverpool Street has created a heavy demand for housing in the area and both the Council and private enterprise embarked upon extensive programmes. During the year the Council built 80 and private enterprise built 167 houses. These account largely for the inward migration figure of 617 in the population increase.

REPORTS

While the main function of the Public Health Committee is to concern itself with the health of its particular community, it must also be aware of both national and international developments in the Public Health field, many of which can, and do, have repercussions on local affairs. A number of reports on such matters were made to the Committee during the year.

COURSES

Following the publication of the Veale Report, the Medical Officer of Health attended classes on radiation physics and hazards at the Battersea College of Technology during the Autumn and Winter of 1960/1961. In April 1961 he passed the examination of the College for the Certificate in Radiological Protection.

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR HERTFORD

LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities for the examination of Specimens and Samples are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge.

In emergency, medical specimens can be examined at the Hertford County Hospital.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The following County Council Services under the National Health Service Act 1946 are available for Hertford. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting & Welfare Centre.

Number of Nurses- 5. Welfare Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford.

Smallpox, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus & Poliomyelitis
Vaccinations.

Medical Officers at the Welfare Centre will vaccinate babies, who can have similar services provided by the family Doctor. All parents are most strongly urged to avail themselves of these facilities.

Home and Domestic Help.

Applications for this Service should be addressed to the Local Organiser, 27, Bull Plain, (Tel:- Hertford 3232).

A charge may be made for this Service based on the County Council's assessment scale.

Care and After - Care

Applications for recuperative holidays, if recommended by the Medical Attendant, should be made to the County Medical Officer.

There is a Medical Loan department at the Clinic, 27, Bull Plain, Mrs. Ellis (Tel:- Hertford 3259). The department is open on Wednesday afternoons and Monday and Friday evenings.

Ambulance Service

Except in an emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner. The telephone number of the Ambulance Station is 3013.

Mental Health

Arrangements for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1959 may be made either by the patients own doctor or by the Mental Health Officer, Mr.J.H.Webster, Collet Road, Ware, (Tel:-Ware 2541)

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hertford is served chiefly by the Hertford County Hospital (Tel:- Hertford 2275)

Patients suffering from Infectious Diseases are admitted to St.Ann's Hospital, Tottenham, or South Lodge Hospital,World's End Lane, London, N.21.

GENERAL PRACTIONER MEDICAL SERVICES.

There are 8 doctors residents in Hertford.

DENTAL SERVICES

There are 7 Dental Surgeons in Hertford.

HERTFORDSHIRE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

The Hertford Office of this Society is at 2, The Wash, (Tel:- Hertford 3201)

SECTION CSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORFor the Year 1961GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

The Council's Sele Farm Housing Estate has continued to develop throughout the year and is rapidly approaching completion. All properties being connected to the main sewerage system.

During the year work has also continued on the development of two large private enterprise residential estates situated at Bengoe and Horns Mill respectively, and at the end of the year development was in an advanced stage. The development of a further small estate off Woodlands Mount has commenced, and this, together with those previously referred to, will virtually account for all the areas zoned for residential development in the town plan, apart from small items of infilling.

WATER SUPPLY

Water supplies within the Borough are now under the control of the Lee Valley Water Company.

All water supplied within the Borough is obtained from five Boreholes sunk in chalk, at Molewood Road, Wadesmill Road (2), Hartham Lane and at Port Hill, all these boreholes being within the Borough boundary. From these boreholes sufficient water can be obtained to meet the needs of the town for many years.

The low level parts of the town are supplied via the reservoir situate at the top of Port Hill, the supply to the higher parts of the town being via the Bengoe Water Tower, though the pressure in the mains supplying the high ground area to the south being assisted and maintained from the recently constructed high level reservoir at Hertford Heath.

Reports on water samples taken from the Borough supplies by the Water Company were all satisfactory, there being 63 samples for bacteriological examination and 25 for chemical analyses.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The activated sludge treatment plant at the Mead Lane Works has continued to operate efficiently during the year and good analysis of effluents have been obtained.

There was some complaint of smell from these works for a short time during the Summer period.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The Corporation has continued to use the Foxholes Farm Refuse tip for the control tipping of domestic refuse and the volume of refuse collected continues to increase.

Salvage has been disposed of at the best prices obtainable.

SWIMMING POOL

This is the first full Season of operation at the pool since it was completed in 1960, and the pool was open continuously from the 29th April, until 1st October, 1961.

Its popularity continues to increase and during the season it was patronised by 94,940 bathers as compared with 52,000 for the period June to October, 1960.

The swimming pool, 110 feet long and 42 feet wide and varying in depth from 3-ft 6ins to 9-ft 10ins, is provided with two diving spring boards of 3-metre and 1-metre heights respectively and is illuminated when necessary at evening time by twelve 500 watt tungsten flood lamps mounted on steel columns.

The swimming pool contains some 168,000 gallons of water continuously filtered through horizontal type filters, chlorinated and subject to p H control and maintained at a temperature of about 70°. Heating is carried out by an oil fired boiler using 200 seconds fuel oil. For the first few weeks of the season fortnightly samples of the water in the shallow end, the middle and the deep end of the bath are sent for bacteriological examination. For the remainder of the season these are taken weekly on the Monday mornings, this particular time giving a better check on the plant as it immediately follows the peak period of usage of the bath over the week-ends. Although a very occasional report gives a count of one or two, the majority of the samples give a nil report.

PUBLIC HOT BATHS

The Public Hot Baths which are owned and run by the Council are situate at the Bircherley Green Car Park.

The number of baths provided during 1961 was 4,633, this number being the lowest for the past six years. The decrease is attributed partly to the housing programme and partly to the provision of baths in existing houses either privately or by means of improvement grants.

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General

Normal work of the Department under the Public Health Acts was carried out during the year, this including various minor repairs to property and works of drainage maintenance and cleansing, which, together with the majority of complaints which required action under the above Acts, were dealt with informally. There were no special problems of note which required to be dealt with during the year.

Infectious Diseases and disinfections

With the continuing low incidence of infectious diseases in the Borough, only a nominal amount of time is now required in connection with the following up of notifications. Occasional additional disinfections still continue to be carried out on request, these generally following the death of aged or infirm persons, and in most instances also accompanied by a request for the removal and destruction of a quantity of bedding and clothes.

Dirty or verminous premises

With the present day universal use of residual insecticides, whether by liquid, dust or vapour, the number of infestations dealt with by this department remains at a minimum, though the occasional request for advice is still received. This is no doubt also due to the considerably improved standards set and maintained by the majority of people these days.

Household and Garden Pests, Fly Nuisances, etc.

Several requests for advice and assistance in connection with the treatment and control of general household or garden pests are received by this department.

Generally during the summer the amount of fly nuisance was at a negligible minimum and in the circumstances no active anti-fly campaign was carried out during the year.

One particular fly infestation covering a wide area required to be dealt with however, the infestation being traced to a poultry farm. The nuisance developed during a change-over in the running of the farm from that of "deep-litter houses" to the use of staging over droppings pits. The control measures undertaken followed the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture's National Advisory Service.

Apart from the complaints received in connection with the above infestation, only one other complaint was received, this being in respect of an inundation of minute cluster flies into the second floor rooms of one particular house. This arose through existing weather conditions and was easily dealt with, being similar to late autumn infestations dealt with in previous years.

In addition to the Corporation's own refuse tip there are two other tips within the Borough where consents are operative in respect to the tipping of household or other refuse, one of these consents being issued during 1961. Both consents are subject to normal conditions relating to the proper control during tipping, and of materials being tipped and of the prevention of nuisances arising. In both cases the consents and the Town Planning approvals cover the re-habilitation of the area when tipping is completed.

Old Clay Pits, Hertingfordbury - Although some regular tipping was at first undertaken when consent was given in 1947, practically no use was made of the pit during the past year.

Bramfield Road Pit - Consent was given during 1961 for the in-filling with refuse of the worked out part of the pit area, though tipping had not in fact been commenced by the end of the year. Consent was however refused in respect to similar use of an adjoining area, it being agreed this could not be given until the land was being worked for gravel.

Movable Dwellings, Caravans

There is one holiday camping-caravan site within the Borough, this site belonging to and controlled by an organisation holding a Certificate of the Ministry of Health, and who, by reason of their own camping rules, are exempt from the similar provisions of the Hertfordshire County Council Act and of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Only two Site Licences are at present operative in the Borough, both being in respect to individual caravans. The occupation of one of these is concerned with that of a dwelling-house on the adjoining land, and the occupation of the second caravan is required in conjunction with the constant oversight of an adjoining road surfacing plant, the Licence in this latter case being issued during 1961 and limiting occupation to the summer months whilst the adjoining plant is being operated. During the year one further application was refused and one recommended for acceptance was withdrawn at the time of consideration.

Although it is fairly rare for holiday caravans to make a one or two day stop in this area, several caravans normally sited elsewhere for the summer season are parked by their local owners in this area for the winter. The residential use of caravans in connection with building or other operations does occur within the Borough, though not to a large extent, - this use being exempt from the normal provisions of the Act.

With regard to the survey by the Herts. County Council following the Ministry Circular 6/62 in connection with gypsies and similar caravan dwellers, there are no Gypsy Settlements or temporary overnight parking sites in regular or occasional use which are situate within the Borough.

Employment Agencies

The conduct and management of the two Employment Agencies in the Borough have been in accordance with Part V of the Herts. County Council Act. These are an Agency for Office and Shop Workers and a Domestic Agency, this latter Agency discontinuing early in the year after having been continuously licensed since the first coming into force of the Act in 1935.

Agricultural Premises.

With regard to administration of the Agricultural (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956, an up-to-date picture of the present position with regard to sanitary conveniences on farms was, during the year, on request, supplied to the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food. The provisions of the Act are in the main the concern of Inspectors appointed directly by the Ministry, but it is the responsibility of the local sanitary authority to secure maintenance and cleanliness of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences at agricultural units, regard being had to the number and sex of the workers employed, the location and duration of their work and all other relevant circumstances.

The Borough being mainly urban in character, it naturally follows that the number of " agricultural units " to which the Act applies is limited. These in the main are situate in the " green belt " or farming areas situate round the perimeter of the district.

With regard to the larger agricultural units, there are nine farms which have their farm buildings within the boundary of the Borough. Each of these are provided with some permanent form of sanitary accommodation within the area of the farm buildings. For the purpose of the Act however, all but three of these are deemed to be in the adjoining districts as under Section 24 (3) an agricultural unit is defined as being wholly situate in the district within which is the greater part of the unit. The three farms with a majority of their area within the Borough are limited in size, and the sanitary accommodation available to the workers, would appear to be suitable and sufficient bearing in mind the provisions of Section 3 (3).

With regard to the smaller agricultural units within the Borough, these include Chicken Farms, Mushroom farms, market gardens or nursery grounds and small holdings with animals, etc.. These are generally provided with some form of sanitary accommodation, which, if not on the site, is reasonably available at premises in the vicinity which have some connection with the site itself. The majority of these units however, are not subject to Section 3 (1) of the Act as no workers are employed, the unit being either managed entirely by the occupier on his own or else the unit is run as a family concern. At the premises where staff are employed being only one or two at each, it is considered that suitable and sufficient conveniences are available bearing in mind the requirements of the section.

Hertfordshire (Music and Dancing) Regulations, 1955

Existing licences in respect of 24 premises within the Borough were renewed by the County Council for the year 1961, no application for renewal being received in respect of the 25th licence which therefore lapsed at the end of 1960. One new licence was issued during the year no objections on sanitary grounds under Regulation 5 being made by the Borough Council. One of the original renewals was however re-issued during the year on change of occupier.

Routine visits continue to be made to each of these premises which include - Halls and Clubs 14; Cinema 1; Licensed Premises 9; and Cafe 1.

FABRICS (MISDESCRIPTION) ACT. 1913

This Act is designed to prevent the misleading description of fabrics as to non-inflammability or safety from fire. The standards to which these fabrics must conform are prescribed in the Regulations of 1959 which replaced earlier ones which had become out of date and no longer applicable to fabrics treated by modern processes. Two standards are prescribed; one in relation to fabrics described in terms suggesting they are non-inflammable or for which an exceptionally high degree of protection is claimed e.g. industrial garments; the second, a lower but nevertheless stringent standard for fabrics for which some degree of the quality of non-inflammability or flame-resistance is claimed.

As far as mens wear or fabrics for such are concerned, the local mens outfitters appear to have no cloth or made-up articles purporting to be flame-resisting. From general discussions with the traders it would appear there is no particular incentive to provide this type of fabric or article for local general sale.

With regard to local drapers shops, the demand for flame-resistant household and dress fabrics, ladies or childrens clothing, etc., is too small to warrant stocks being held, particularly as on demand, individual items can be received locally, from the London wholesalers by return. From discussions with the local traders it would appear that though these fabrics and articles can be easily obtained, the customer normally will not accept the somewhat heavy additional cost involved. In view of the number of deaths recorded annually as a result of clothing catching fire in homes and residential institutions, the majority concerned being old people or young children, it is unfortunate that additional cost would normally affect both these groups, the old people by reason of small income and the young children by reason of cost having to bear some relation to an article being grown-out-of rather than worn out.

Within the Borough, flame-resistant fabrics or made-up articles are not conspicuously advertised, if in fact advertised at all locally, though it is perhaps of interest to note that shop advertising and display boards for flame-resistant garments of a well known brand are printed in the town.

RAG FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT & REGULATIONS.

Although there are no Licensed Premises under the Act, there is one Registration within the Borough.

The Registered premises, a factory concerned with Upholstery, Carpet Repairs, Cabinet Work, Mattress Cleaning etc., receives routine visits under the Factories Act, these of course covering a visit under the Rag Flock Act. It would appear the Registration was first taken out as a precautionary measure to safeguard against a slack period when the making of new furniture could be undertaken to keep the staff employed, the normal use of the premises not requiring registration under the Act. The only recent use of filling materials as covered by the Act was when two suites were manufactured in connection with advertisement purposes at the Hertford Trade Fair in 1959, and even then only a minimum of "clean" filling material was in fact used as the main upholstery was of latex foam.

The other factory where furniture renovations are carried out and where new works could be undertaken, also receives visits under the Factories Act, when the registration requirements are borne in mind. These are the only two premises in the Borough where the Rag Flock Etc., Act might or does apply. Although local furniture shops can arrange for re-upholstery at their repair shops where presumably new work as covered by the Act could be undertaken, the repair premises are situate outside the Borough.

There are no other premises within the Borough where the stuffing or lining of bedding, toys, baby carriages and of articles of such other kinds as is prescribed in the Act is undertaken.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

The Licence for the one Pet Shop within the Borough, a stall in the Hertford Covered Market, was renewed at the beginning of the year. This was however later surrendered when the business was discontinued, only to be re-licensed when an incoming stallholder having continued with the sale of foodstuffs and accessories etc., also extended it to the sale of pets.

In addition to visits by the Health Department, supervision is also exercised by the Market Beadle. The management of the stall is in accordance with the conditions under which the licence is granted.

Towards the end of the year, the conditions subject to which licences are granted in the Borough were reviewed by the Council, these being the original conditions as agreed in 1952. A revised set of conditions was agreed, these being simpler in form yet adequately covering the requirements of the Act. The revised conditions were agreed in respect of all future licences or renewals.

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HOUSINGExtract from Ministry of Housing
and Local Government Return P.13Houses in Clearance Areas
and Unfit Houses elsewhereHOUSES DEMOLISHED

<u>In Clearance Areas</u>	Demol- ished	Displaced Persons Families	
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Sec. 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas</u>			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 17 (1)	15	3	1
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the M.O.H.	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-
A. 2. Number of dwellings included above which were previously reported Closed	9		

UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

(8) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957	6	7	3
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26,	-	-	-
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-	2	1

HOUSING ACT PROCEDURE ANALYSIS - 1961

8, Brewhouse Lane	Closing Order	Nov.1961)	Area under consideration
10,	Rehoused	Jul.1961)	
	Closing Order	Nov.1961)	
12,	Closing Order	Feb.1958)	
2, 4, 6, ..	Occupied)	
11, Brewhouse Lane	Time & Place Notice for)	Area under consideration
	January meeting.)	
13,	Rehoused	June 1961)	
	Closing Order	Nov. 1961)	
7, 9, 15, ..	Occupied)	
14, Castle Street	Closing Order	Oct. 1956)	
16,	Closing Order	Jul. 1958)	
18,	Rehoused	Mar. 1961)	
	Closing Order	Jul. 1961)	
41, Castle Street	Closing Order	Dec.1955	
39, Cowbridge	Occupants rehoused Dec.1960. Offer by Owner re carrying out of works accepted by Council. Works completed during year and undertaking cancelled.		
2, Dimsdale Street	Closing Order	Feb.1957	Used for storage.
31, 33, Molewood Road	Undertakings accepted that properties not to be used for human habitation February 1955. Works to provide structural stability, with repair, renovation and provision of modern amenities completed during 1961 and undertakings cancelled.		
32, Parliament	Closing Order	Mar.1958)	Area under consideration
34, .. Square	Occupied)	
30,	Shop premises.(Dwelling)	
	accommodation empty)	
4, Port Hill	Closing Order - part of premises, May 1955.		
59, Port Hill	Closing Order	Dec.1959)	Plans approved for re-habilitation of terrace including major overhaul and provision of modern amenities.
63,	Closing Order	Oct.1958)	
65,	Closing Order	Oct.1958)	
67,	Closing Order	Jan.1961)	
61, 69, ..	Occupied)	

Housing Analysis Continued

77a, Railway Street	Closing Order	Jul.1958	)	Demolition of property
77b,	Closing Order	Dec.1958	)	commenced prior to
77c,	Rehoused	Mar.1961	)	consideration of Time &
	Time & Place Notice		)	Place Notice on No. 77c.
77d,	Closing Order	Dec.1956	)	Approved re-development
			)	of area by owner in
81,	Closing Order	May.1956	)	connection with adjoining
	(Part of premises)		)	business premises.
46, St. Andrew	Closing Order	Mar.1961		
48, Street	Closing Order	Dec.1959		
15a, Talbot Street	Closing Order	May.1957		
15b,	Closing Order	Jun.1955		
15c,	Closing Order	Jul.1957		
13a, Ware Road.	Closing Order - part of premises, January 1953. Premises to be included in private re-development of adjoining area.			
1, 3, Water Lane	Undertakings accepted that properties not to be used for human habitation Feb.1935. Owned by Herts.C.C. in connection with Inner Relief Road development.			
24a, Ivy Passage	Rehoused	Aug.1959	)	Area considered by Council
24b, West St.	Closing Order	Feb.1957	)	and by agreement, pur-
24c,	Closing Order	Jul.1958	)	chased on completion of
24d,	Rehoused	Aug.1959	)	vacation by tenants.
24e,	Rehoused	Aug.1959	)	Demolition of area by
24f,	Closing Order	Jul.1957	)	Council completed in 1961
24g,	Closing Order	Apr.1956	)	and redevelopment by
24h,	Rehoused	Sep.1959	)	provision of flats,
26, West Street	Empty		)	including Old Peoples
28,	Closing Order	Mar.1957	)	dwellings commenced.
1 - 20, Ash Street	) Properties in this area acquired by the Council during 1961 with a view to re-housing the remaining tenants, demolition of the buildings, and re-development of the site.			
1 - 16, Baker Street				
1 - 14, Elm Street				
1 - 21, Oak Street				

HOUSING PROGRESSProgress during 1961

	<u>New Dwellings erected</u>	
	<u>During</u>	<u>Since</u>
	<u>1961</u>	<u>1945</u>

Private Enterprise

New Dwellings erected during 1961 (total since 1945 includes war destroyed or damaged rebuilt or repaired)	167	(545)
.. .. erected by Housing Associations	3	(18)
.. .. under construction at end of year (including 3 by Housing Assocs.)	159	

Hertford Borough Council

New Dwellings erected by Council	80	(1059)
.. .. (Temporary prefabricated bungalows) (14 of the original 50 were demolished in 1961)	-	(36)
.. .. under construction at end of year	138	

Other Authorities (County Council, Military, etc)

New Dwellings erected during 1961	-	(41)
.. .. under construction at end of year	-	

Total new dwellings erected during 1961	<u>250</u>
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... .. under construction at end of year	<u>297</u>
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... .. completed between 1945 and 31.12.61	<u>1,699</u>
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Total occupied dwellings Controlled by the Borough Council

Council Houses (excludes 6 sold during 1961)	1,687
Temporary Prefabricated Bungalows	36
Sundry Cottages and Dwellings (includes 62 occupied cottages purchased for redevelopment purposes)	89

RENT ACT, 1957

Particulars relating to the calendar year 1961
(in the form as set out by Circular 32/1957)

PART I - Application for Certificates of Disrepair

(1)	Number of applications for certificates ...	1
(2)	Number of decisions not to issue certificates	-
(3)	Number of decisions to issue certificates ..	1
	(a) in respect of some but not all defects	1
	(b) in respect of all defects	-
(4)	Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	-
(5)	Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	-
(6)	Number of Certificates issued	1

PART II - Applications for Cancellations of Certificates

(7)	Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	nil
(8)	Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	nil
(9)	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection	nil
(10)	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	nil

Total number of Certificates of Disrepair issued under the Rent Act, 1957 (since 6th.July, 1957)	4
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FOOD AND DRUGSFood Premises

The total number of food shops and other premises dealing with foodstuffs is 220. This number is made up as follows, the separate premises being included under the main trade being carried on.

Grocers and Provision Merchants (including small general shops retailing groceries)	41
Bakehouses	6
Bakers and cake shops	9
Fishmongers (wet fish)	3
Fried Fish Shops (1 additional entered as cafe)	3
Butchers Shops	15
Sweet Shops	20
Greengrocers (including 1 wholesalers premises)	13
Dairies and Milk Shops	2
Cafes and Restaurants	17
Hotels and Licensed Premises serving meals	9
Public Houses	35
Wine Shops and Off Licences	4
Residential Institutional Kitchens	9
School and Industrial Canteens	23
Clubs	5
Vegetarian Foodshop	1
Chemists, pharmaceutical	<u>5</u>

Inspection of food premises under the Food Hygiene regulations continued throughout the year. No special difficulties have been experienced, the administration of the Regulations being assisted by the co-operation of the trades-people themselves.

With four more shops converting during the year to self-service grocers, there are now nine in the Borough, though at four of these a counter trade is still continued for bacon and luncheon meats etc. The number of refrigerated display cabinets for the sale of pre-packed frozen foods continues to increase as well as a continuing increase in the provision of refrigerated storage and display counters at the smaller general shops, as well as the provision of refrigerated window display in butchers shops. As with most places, the amount of "open" food as opposed to pre-packed food, continues to decrease, the great majority of foodstuffs for sale is pre-packed.

The personal requirements of the Food Regulations relating to the food handlers themselves, and also to the handling of food, are generally being observed.

Registered Food Premises

Sale and Storage for sale of Ice Cream	56
Manufacture and sale of Ice Cream	-

The above 56 premises includes two new registrations during 1961. Sales at all these premises is of pre-packed ice cream.

Preparation or manufacture of sausages	14
Preparation or manufacture of preserved food	3

Inspection of Meat and Other Foodstuffs

The amount of foodstuffs surrendered as unfit was disposed of by burial at the Corporation's refuse tip at Foxholes. The unsound foodstuffs dealt with during the year was as follows :-

Canned Foodstuffs			
Ham	5	containers	46 lbs
Other meats and meat products	29	..	89 ..
Pulses and Vegetables	34	..	29 ..
Fruit	26	..	30 ..
Miscellaneous (Soups, Milk, etc)	33	..	30 ..
Other Foodstuffs			
Pork and Ham (3 condemnations)			76 lbs
Beef (consignment mixed cuts)			59 ..
Fish - Halibut			10 ..
Haddock Fillets			42 ..
Biscuits			156 ..
Ice Cream (Refrigeration Breakdown)			100 ..
Prunes			30 ..

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

In view of the advantages and convenience for use, practically all treatments for surface infestations continue to be carried out with the use of Warfarin bait. Treatment of private dwellings continues without charge in order to encourage occupiers to give early notifications of infestations and to secure uniformity of treatment within an area. With regard to Business premises, agreements are in operation whereby twenty-two properties are treated as required, these, together with other business premises treated, are charged for on a time and material basis.

The summary of information as required on the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Form PDP/61/B in respect of 1961 is set out below.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

MAFF Form PDP/61/B

Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1961	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				AGRI- CULTURAL
	LOCAL AUTH- ORITY	DWELLING HOUSES (incl. Council Houses)	ALL OTHER (incl. Business Premises)	TOTAL of Columns (1), (2) & (3)	
I No. of Properties in Local Authority's Area	22	4802	1032	5856	17
II No. of properties insp- ected as a result of					
(a) Notification	-	128	2	130	-
(b) Survey under the Act	22	1907	321	2250	12
(c) Otherwise	-	234	236	470	3
III Total Inspections carried out, including re-inspections	81	4535	792	5408	21
IV No. of properties found to be infested by					
(a) Rats - Major	-	4	-	4	-
Minor	10	161	14	185	-
(b) Mice - Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	4	41	2	47	-
V Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	14	192	16	222	-
VI Total treatments carried out, including retreatmts.	24	252	21	297	-
VII, VIII & IX. Number of Notices served under S.4; Number of cases in which default action was taken; Legal proceedings.					nil
X Number of "Block" control schemes carried out					2

NOTE - Number of properties taken from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis, April 1961, a property being one which is entered separately in the Valuation Roll. Column 3, ALL OTHER, includes combined dwelling/business premises.

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in respect of the YEAR 1961
for the BOROUGH of HERTFORD

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

- 1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written notices (4)	Occup- iers Prose- cuted (5)
(i) Factories in Which Sections 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	11	14	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	88	41	2	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers premises	7	9	-	-
Total	106	64	2	-

Prescribed Particulars - Factories Act, 1937

2 - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they are reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	To H.M. Inspector. (4)	By H.M. Inspector. (5)	
Want of cleanliness (Section 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (Section 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (Section 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (Sec 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (Sec 7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Intervening vent. space	3	-	-	3	-
(e) Lighting of convenience	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	1	-	3	-

Prescribed Particulars - Factories Act, 1937

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK

(Section 110 and 111)

Section 110				Section 111		
Nature of Work	Number of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions or failure to supply lists. (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises. (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing Apparel Making etc.	204	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified Natures of Work as set out on Ministry Form						
Wearing Apparel, Cleaning and Washing; Household Linen; Lace, Lace curtains and nets; Curtains and furniture hangings; Furniture and upholstery; Electro-plate; File Making; Brass and brass articles; Fur pulling; Iron and steel cables and chains; Brush making; Pea picking; Feather sorting; Carding etc., of buttons etc; Stuffed toys; Basket making; Chocolate and sweetmeats; Cosagues, Christmas stockings, etc; Textile weaving ; Lampshades.						
	nil	-	-	-	-	-
Total	204	-	-	-	-	-

Of the above 204 outworkers, 31 only are resident within the Borough, the remaining 173 being in the area of 52 other Local Authorities - these Authorities all being notified in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

From notifications received, there are 10 persons in the Borough receiving work from factories situate outside the area.

